

Tuesday, Jun 29, 2021

*** OPENING CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER**

O God, open our lips,
and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
we praise your name, O God.

*** REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

By Word and water God renews us this day
in the living fountain of God's grace,
and raises us with Christ Jesus
to live a new life in the Spirit.

* OSL

**Satisfy us in the morning
with your steadfast love, O God,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**

*** MORNING CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

Come, let us sing to the Ho-ly One; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal-vation.
**Let us come before God's presence
with thanks-giving,*
and raise a loud shout with psalms.**

For you, O God, are a great God,*
you are great a-bove all gods.

**In your hand are the caverns of the earth,*
and the heights of the hills are yours also.**

The sea is yours, for you made it,*
and your hands have molded the dry land.
**Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,*
and kneel before God, our Maker.**

For you are our God,
and we are the people of your pasture
and the sheep of your hand.*
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

PSALM 95:1-7

*** MORNING PRAYER**

The Holy One be with you;
And also with you.

Let us pray:
**Almighty and everlasting God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are
restless until they find rest in you. Grant to us such**

piety of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness from doing it. In your light may we see life clearly and, in your service, find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Augustine

* **1st READING: 1 Samuel 11:1-15** CEV

About this time, King Nahash of Ammon came with his army and surrounded the town of Jabesh in Gilead. The people who lived there told Nahash, “If you will sign a peace treaty with us, you can be our ruler, and we will pay taxes to you.”

² Nahash answered, “Sure, I’ll sign a treaty! But not before I insult Israel by poking out the right eye of every man who lives in Jabesh.”

³ The town leaders said, “Give us seven days so we can send messengers everywhere in Israel to ask for help. If no one comes here to save us, we will surrender to you.”

⁴ Some of the messengers went to Gibeah, Saul’s hometown. They told what was happening at Jabesh, and

everyone in Gibeah started crying. ⁵ Just then, Saul came in from the fields, walking behind his oxen.

“Why is everyone crying?” Saul asked.

They told him what the men from Jabesh had said. ⁶ Then the Spirit of God suddenly took control of Saul and made him furious. ⁷ Saul killed two of his oxen, cut them up in pieces, and gave the pieces to the messengers. He told them to show the pieces to everyone in Israel and say, “Saul and Samuel are getting an army together. Come and join them. If you don’t, this is what will happen to your oxen!”

The LORD made the people of Israel terribly afraid. So all the men came together ⁸ at Bezek. Saul had them organized and counted. There were three hundred thousand from Israel and thirty thousand from Judah.

⁹ Saul and his officers sent the messengers back to Jabesh with this promise: “We will rescue you tomorrow afternoon.” The messengers went back to the people at Jabesh and told them that they were going to be rescued.

Everyone was encouraged! ¹⁰ So they told the Ammonites, “We will surrender to you tomorrow, and then you can do whatever you want to.”

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¹¹ The next day, Saul divided his army into three groups and attacked before daylight. They started killing Ammonites and kept it up until afternoon. A few Ammonites managed to escape, but they were scattered far from each other.

¹² The Israelite soldiers went to Samuel and demanded, “Where are the men who said they didn’t want Saul to be king? Bring them to us, and we will put them to death!”

¹³ “No you won’t!” Saul told them. “The LORD rescued Israel today, and no one will be put to death.”

¹⁴ “Come on!” Samuel said. “Let’s go to Gilgal and make an agreement that Saul will continue to be our king.”

¹⁵ Everyone went to the place of worship at Gilgal, where they agreed that Saul would be their king. Saul and the people sacrificed animals to ask for the LORD’s blessing, and they had a big celebration.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* [Psalm 121](#) NRSV

***My help will come from the LORD,
who created the heavens and the earth.***

I look to the hills!

Where will I find help?

² It will come from the LORD,
who created the heavens
and the earth.

³ The LORD is your protector,
and he won’t go to sleep
or let you stumble.

⁴ The protector of Israel
doesn’t doze
or ever get drowsy.

⁵ The LORD is your protector,
there at your right side
to shade you from the sun.

⁶ You won’t be harmed
by the sun during the day
or by the moon at night.

⁷ The LORD will protect you
and keep you safe

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from all dangers.

⁸ The LORD will protect you
now and always
wherever you go.

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,
one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.

***My help will come from the LORD,
who created the heavens and the earth.***

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* **2nd READING:** Luke 22:63-71 CEV

⁶³ The men who were guarding Jesus made fun of him
and beat him. ⁶⁴ They put a blindfold on him and said,
“Tell us who struck you!” ⁶⁵ They kept on insulting Jesus in
many other ways.

⁶⁶ At daybreak the nation’s leaders, the chief priests, and
the teachers of the Law of Moses got together and
brought Jesus before their council. ⁶⁷ They said, “Tell us!
Are you the Messiah?”

Jesus replied, “If I said so, you wouldn’t believe me.

⁶⁸ And if I asked you a question, you wouldn’t answer.

⁶⁹ But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the
right side of God All-Powerful.”

⁷⁰ Then they asked, “Are you the Son of God?”

Jesus answered, “You say I am!”

⁷¹ They replied, “Why do we need more witnesses? He
said it himself!”

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* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* **CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH**

We bless you, Adonai, God of *Israel*,
for you come to visit us and ransom us from *bondage*.
You have brought forth a strong *De-liverer*
in the house of your child *David*.

**This is what your holy prophets an-nounced:
deliverance from enemies**

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and from the hand of all who hate *us*;
mercy a-mong our *ancestors*,
and remembrance of your ho-ly *covenant*.

This is the promise you swore to our an-cestor,
Abraham,

to make us un-a-fraid,
to rescue us from our *enemies*,
to serve before you, holy and just,
all the days of our *lives*.

And this, my little child,
shall be called prophet of the Most *High*,
going before you, Adonai, to pre-pare your *paths*,
making your people know de-*liverance*
by the forgiveness of their *sins*.

Through your merciful compassions, God our *God*,
the dawn from on high shall *visit us*,
to shine on those kept in dungeons
and the shadows of *death*
and to guide our feet onto the path of *peace*.

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,
one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.

* THE APOSTLE'S CREED

*I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of the Father Almighty.
From there he shall come again to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

* SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

* **COMMEMORATION: Peter and Paul**

Peter and Paul, “twin pillars” of the Church, were martyrs for the sake of the Gospel. According to tradition, Peter was executed by upside-down crucifixion (the method used to kill slaves), Paul by beheading. During the persecution of Valerian in the third century, the church at Rome appointed this single day to commemorate their martyrdoms under Nero. Some argue that this was the date when in 258 the relics of both Peter and Paul were translated to the catacombs.

* For All the Saints

* **PRAYERS**

The Holy One be with you,
and also with you.

Let us pray: *(stop and pray for those on your heart today)*

* **COLLECT: Peter and Paul**

Pursuing, shepherding, and converting God, Your risen Son appeared to both Peter and Paul undoing their past, claiming them for the work of your Church, spilling them out as witnesses to a deeper love. Undo and claim us,

that we too may finish the race you set before us in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

* For All the Saints

* PRAYER FOR RECOVERY OF SICKNESS

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with those we lift today, that their weaknesses may be banished and their strength restored; and that with health being renewed, all may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* PRAYERS FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, and especially administrators and teachers continuing to adapt in this time of pandemic recovery,, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* PRAYER FOR CHURCH MUSICIANS AND ARTISTS

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.***

* COLLECT OF THE WEEK

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

* PRAYER OF JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

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* **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father,
You have brought us in safety to this new day:
preserve us with your mighty power,
that we may not fall into sin,
nor be overcome by adversity;
and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* **BLESSING**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Amen.

Morning Prayer

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